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The Leading Gents' Furnishers and Clothiers, offer  
EXTRAORDINARY LOW BARGAINS

## HOLIDAY GOODS,

Having the largest line of Silk Handkerchiefs, fine silk and Cashmere  
Hosiery ever shown in the city. An elegant variety of plush and silk  
Accessories in the latest styles and shapes. If you want to make a present,  
buy one of our fine Silk Umbrellas. Examine them and you will say they  
are the finest.

### OVERCOAT TUMBLE.

Men's Overcoats from \$2.50 to the finest made. Boys' Overcoats in  
variety.

Our line of Business and Dress Suits cannot be surpassed.

The papers are full of Bogus, Great Mark-Downs, Sheriff Sales, Bank  
ruptcies, etc., etc., but can you tell if they are Bogus or Square?

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Be RESPONSIBLE for what they SAY or DO, and you take no chances.  
Goods purchased of us are guaranteed to give satisfaction.

### OUR MERCHANT TAILORING DEPARTMENT

Complete. If you want a nobby and stylish suit or overcoat made to  
order call on us and we will please you.

Come in and see us and you will be convinced that we sell Good,  
straight Goods for Less Money than any house in Decatur.

All goods exchanged with pleasure if not satisfactory to purchaser.

## J. R. RACE & CO.,

Responsible Clothiers and Gents' Furnishers,  
129-135 N. Water St., DECATUR, ILL.

**A Masque Party.**  
The Misses Sarah and Louise Boyd will  
entertain a company of invited guests at  
their home on West North street, next  
Tuesday evening. It will be a fancy  
dress party, every participant being ex-  
pected to come handsomely disguised.  
Dancing will be the principal feature of  
the reception. None of the masks will  
be removed until the collation is served.

If you want nice, fresh, dressed poultry,  
go to Peck & Co. dec2dtf

## At the Popular New York Store DURING

### Christmas Week,

All Gents 25c grey Merino Under-  
wear at 12 1/2c.

All Gents 50c grey Merino Under-  
wear at 35c.

All Gents 35 and 40c all wool Socks  
at 25c.

All Gents 25c (seamless) all wool  
Socks at 15c.

All Gents \$1.50 Camel's Hair and  
Scarlet Underwear at \$1.

Ladies' 50c white Merino Underwear  
at 40c.

Ladies' 75c do at 50c.

Ladies' \$1 fine all wool scarlet, silk  
bound, at 65c.

Ladies' \$1.50 do at \$1.

Ladies' \$2.00 do at \$1.25.

Children's 10c Hosiery at 6 1/2c, 4 pairs  
for 25c.

Children's 25 to 35c all wool seam-  
less hose at 20c.

Children's 35 to 50c all wool, black  
and colored, at 25 to 35c.

Children's 60c to \$1 French ribbed  
and fine cashmere Hosiery, all col-  
ors and black, at 50c a pair.

Men's Cardigan Jackets, 75c and \$1.

Men's fine all wool hand-knit Cardi-  
gan Jackets at \$1.50 and \$2, worth  
\$3, \$4 and \$5 each.

\$3 Cloakings at \$1.50 a yard.

\$10 Seal Plush Cloakings at \$5.

Casimeres, Jeans, Blankets, Bed  
Comforts, scarlet and plaid Flannels,  
Canton Flannels, Table Linens, Tow-  
els, &c., 40 to 60 per cent. less than  
can be obtained in any other retail  
store.

Do us the honor and yourselves  
the justice of inspecting the above  
before you pass judgment. It costs  
nothing to learn our prices.

## Popular New York Store

Closing Out Sale,  
WATER ST., DECATUR.

### CIRCUIT COURT.

December Term, 1884, Judge C. B.  
Smith Presiding.

FRIDAY, DEC. 19—AFTERNOON.  
Court convened at 1:30 p. m.

PEOPLE'S DOCKET.

The People vs. C. L. Robinson, perjury; de-  
fendant recognized in \$1,000, with J. C. Robin-  
son as security.

The People vs. Jacob W. Knox, selling liquor  
without license. Defendant recognized in  
\$500, with Andrew Ruffess as security.

COMMON LAW DOCKET.

In the appeal case of Wm. Heagle by Fred.  
Steer against Robert Kincaid, appellant, the  
jury rendered a verdict in favor of plaintiff,  
placing damages at \$50.

Sorensen M. Holmes vs. John P. Holmes, as-  
sumpt. Trial by jury, pending.

ADJOURNED.  
Court adjourned to meet again at 10:30 a. m.  
on Monday, Dec. 22. The adjournment for the  
holidays until January 5th will occur Wednes-  
day evening.

Helping the Poor.

The teachers and pupils of the third  
ward school did a good and commenda-  
ble thing during the present week. Realiz-  
ing that there are many destitute fami-  
lies in the city needing immediate help it  
was planned to raise a fund among the  
children to relieve the wants of several  
families. The collection realized a hand-  
some sum which was used in the pur-  
chase of three loads of coal and a lot of  
provisions. This is practical and  
timely benevolence worthy of imitation.  
It brings charity home to the children,  
makes them better boys and girls and is  
calculated to impress upon them the value  
and comforts of their own homes, where  
there is plenty of warmth and sunshine  
and no suffering in the midst of the win-  
ter season. Help the poor.

The Teachers' Excursion.

The excursion of school teachers to the  
New Orleans exposition on the 23d inst.,  
by the Illinois Central railroad, promises  
to be one of unusual interest, and the  
rate of fare—\$17.00 for the round trip—is  
so low as to put this magnificent winter  
visit within the reach of every teacher.

The accommodations for strangers in  
New Orleans will be ample, and the prices  
not unreasonable. There are thousands  
of rooms to be had at fair rates, and the  
city is renowned for its restaurants where  
good meals can be procured at prices  
ranging from 25 cents upward. Teachers  
who desire to go on this excursion should  
make their arrangements for going at  
once. It will be the opportunity of a  
lifetime.

Bargains in Blankets.

We offer a line of Blankets, white and  
colored, at prices astonishingly low. We  
will not go into details or quote prices,  
but beg to invite your inspection. We  
don't exactly offer them at half price, but  
almost.

Big 18. 15-dawlw

The Tariff System Aimed At

Lowell Courier.

The Boston Post is against the  
Spanish treaty because by it "we  
rob ourselves of \$50,000,000 of rev-  
enue." So it isn't the first consider-  
ation of the Democracy, according  
to the Post, to reduce the surplus.  
The prime object is to reduce the  
tariff generally and bring in free  
trade as soon as possible.

The Decatur Coal company would in-  
form the citizens of Decatur who desire  
to use Decatur coal that they cannot get  
it by ordering it of R. McClelland, E. L.  
Martin, or F. D. Caldwell, as the coal  
company do not any longer sell them  
coal, not for personal reasons, but be-  
cause they are the agents of other coal  
shipped here from other mines. Order  
direct from the shaft or leave orders at  
Armstrong's drug store in the city. Mr.  
I. O. Eymann will solicit orders for Deca-  
tur coal. 18-dlw

No use trying to beat the inducements  
offered by L. L. Ferriss & Co. at their  
popular shoe store. They sell more Boots  
and Shoes and carry a larger stock than  
all the other shoe stores in Decatur com-  
bined. Their goods are the best, prices  
the lowest, and customers receive gentle-  
manly treatment. jun19wtf

Mr. OLIVE Coal makes no clinkers  
either in stoves or open grates.

Mt. Olive Coal is very free from slate  
and sulphur.

Mt. Olive Coal costs no more than the  
inferior grades offered in this market.

Mt. Olive Coal—either lump or nut—is  
sold only by R. McCLELLAND,  
Dec. 15—dlw Telephone 21.

Silk and Linon Handkerchiefs, in  
splendid variety, and large quantities to  
select from. CHAS. STONE,  
Big 18. 15-dawlw

You will always find the best styles of  
Carpetings at Linn & Surges.

d18-dawlf

Over Shoes of all description, at Bar-  
ber & Baker's. dec20-d2w

Bring in your bean tickets before the  
last day of December.

dec10-dawlf FERGUSON & DILLERUNT.

All kinds of nuts at Wood Bros.

18-dlw

Don't let any of your boys see the  
Saws and Bucks at Morehouse, Wells &  
Co's. If you do, you will certainly have  
to buy one.

See Morehouse, Wells & Co's adver-  
tisement of Roller Skates. They are the  
most reasonable in price of any good  
skate ever offered in Decatur.

If you want shoes that cannot be beat,  
go to Freeman Bros., 114 Merchant street.  
d17-daw2w

Excelsior Diaries and Lancaster Al-  
manacs for 1885, at the City Book Store.  
17-dw1

## OVERCOATS!

Our Overcoats are ripe now  
and ready to pick.

If you feel interested in  
looking through the most ex-  
quisite line of

## WINTER OVERCOATS,

in all the LATEST STYLES,  
call at

## B. STINE'S.

## OUR PRICES

will impress you at once, that

for honest, well-made cloth-

ing, equal to Merchant Tail-

oring in fit, trimmings and

workmanship, we are the

Leaders in the trade.

## JUST RECEIVED,

An entire line of New Shades

in Cork-Screw Worsted Suits,

made of Imported Goods.

Prices warranted.

The Reliable Clothier and

Gents' Furnisher,

## B. STINE.

## GREAT

## CLEARANCE SALE

—AT—

## JOHN IRWIN'S

## WHITE FRONT.

## ENTIRE STOCK

TO BE CLOSED

## REGARDLESS OF COST!

## OVERCOATS

—AND—

## UNDERWEAR

—AT—

## YOUR OWN PRICES.

## FOR CHRISTMAS.

MEN'S GENUINE

## ALLIGATOR SLIPPERS

FRENCH KID LINED,

## Are the Correct Thing for a Present.

ALSO

## LADIES' SKATING SHOES,

ENTIRELY NEW,

And many other styles of Christmas Slippers, at

## POWERS & HAWORTH'S.

Nov. 20—d&w4w

## MILLINERY

—AT—

## LESS THAN COST.

From now until January 1st, I will sell any  
trimmings, stock at cost, and many articles  
at less than cost. All

TRIMMED HATS

AND BONNETS

AT LESS THAN COST

Call on me, so they can see. All the stock is in  
the store. All the trimmed work dress-  
ings, bonnets, call and examine goods and  
prices. 11-12-2w

MISS S. C. WATSON,

214 North Park Street.

11-12-2w

## HOLIDAY SALES!

Our Annual Cheap Holiday Sale is in full blast.

Open evenings until Christmas. Everything New and

Beautiful. Dry Goods, Dress Goods, Silks, Velvets, Lady's

Cloths, Tricots, Plaids, etc. New and handsome lines of

Neckwear, Ruchings, Collars, Fichus, etc., many styles not

obtainable elsewhere. Hats, Bonnets, Plumes, Tips, Birds

and Fancy Feathers. Ornaments at greatly reduced prices

—fully 25 per cent. less than any other establishment.

Inspection invited.

## S. G. HATCH & BRO.,

Dec. 16 d&wtf

143 East Main Street, Powers' Block.

## 159 EAST MAIN STREET

2000 pounds of coal for \$2.00  
 Ehrhart's Telephone 139 n2



159 EAST MAIN STREET.



GLADSTONE, as prime minister of the English government, gets a salary of \$25,000 per year.

The President has nominated Frank W. Palmer for postmaster at Chicago.

GERMANY is excited over a reported plot for the organization of an armed revolution. Recent socialistic successes in the parliamentary elections have added to the excitement.

The *Pall Mall Gazette* of yesterday announced that Henry Ward Beecher is to be the successor of James Russell Lowell as minister to the court of St. James. Americans will be slow to believe this.

The defaulting cashiers of the United States must look out for their laurels; their practices have been copied and improved upon by European imitators. A defalcation of a million dollars came to light in Vienna on Thursday, but the defaulter had the simplicity to commit suicide when his crime was discovered. He should have made a visit to Canada.

HUGH McCULLOCH, the new secretary of the treasury, against whose appointment by the president there was developed much opposition, was confirmed by the Senate on Thursday. One of the principal "kickers" against confirmation was Senator Riddleberger of Virginia, who said the appointment of McCulloch caused the loss of his state to Blaine and Logan. McCulloch, it seems, has said some pretty strong things against the Virginia Readjusters.

SENATOR CULLOM'S bill for a law regulating inter-state commerce, which he introduced at the last session, and which has been reported back from the committee on railroads, came up in the Senate on Thursday, and was explained by its author. This is really the most practical proposition now pending in Congress for a law of this kind. It is patterned after the Illinois law. It provides for the appointment of a Board of Commissioners, and its object is, through the arbitrament and supervisory direction of that board, to prevent extortion and unjust discrimination by railroads doing business in several different states. It is framed with a view of providing for the adjudication of complaints by arbitration, which would render recourse to the tedious processes of the courts unnecessary in the great majority of cases. All questions relating to pooling, rebates, etc., are embraced in the general subject of unjust discrimination, and could be dealt with by the commissioners under the provisions of the bill.

Democrats and Independents.  
Boston Evening Record.  
Carl Schurz magnanimously mustered the whole Democratic party into the small army of the Independents, in his speech last night. We suspect he will find independence at a discount in the Democratic organization after President Cleveland shall have given it a few examples of what it means in practice.

PHYSICAL PATCHWORK.  
In Rheumatism and Neuralgia there is much physical patchwork. The medicines taken have not gone to the seat of the disease. Not so with ANTHROPINOS. It expels Rheumatism permanently. A case in point—that of William Bradley, 304 Columbus Avenue, New Haven, a driver for Adams Express. He says: "Was driven from my business for three months by an attack of Rheumatism. One bottle of ANTHROPINOS cured me. Have been in my wagon every day since, rain or shine."

Ans. who have our prize bona tickets in their possession are notified that the time for bringing them in will expire Dec. 31st.  
PEARSON & DILLIGENT.  
dec10-dawit

GREATEST fall stock of boots and shoes ever shown in Decatur now ready at L. L. Forrie & Co.'s, at prices to suit customers. No better goods in the world.  
s26-dawit

Buy your coal of George Ehrhart, telephone 139.  
18-dit

ALL wool Red Flannel Undershirts and Drawers at 75c apiece at B. Stine's. dawit  
FINE Gents' Neckwear at B. Stine's. dawit

THE BROOKLYN FIRE

Proves to Have Been More Horrible Than at First Supposed.

Thirteen Charred Bodies Already Taken From the Debris, and the Search Still Going Forward.

One Hundred and Twenty-Two Boys to Account For—Sister Josephine's Identity.

BROOKLYN, N. Y., December 20.—The search for bodies among the ruins of the burned St. John's Orphan Asylum is still being pushed vigorously despite the intensely cold weather, which necessitates the frequent changing of the men engaged in the work. A portion of the building was saved, and the loss will not be as heavy as at first reported. The loss of life, however, is larger than was supposed by those connected with the institution. Up to six o'clock last night the bones and mutilated remains of thirteen persons had been taken out. This raises the total number of lives lost as far as known to be fifteen.

There are yet 125 boys not accounted for, but it is believed that nearly all of these have wandered away from the neighborhood and are safe. Nearly all of the bodies found were in that part of the building in which the dormitory was situated, and as at least thirty of the occupants of that room were too ill to leave their beds, it is probable that others will be discovered. The remains were all taken to the sewing-room in that part of the building saved, where they now lie. Coroner Hesse impaneled a jury yesterday afternoon, but adjourned the inquest until to-day.

Some of the trustees of the asylum visited the building last evening to learn how many bodies had been recovered. Some of the men had stated that thirteen bodies had been taken out and placed in the sewing room, but the trustees in looking over the charred remains found that there were only ten.

It has been ascertained that the body of the woman found among the ruins is that of Mary McLaron, who was visiting her son at the asylum.

The trustees are in receipt of offers of buildings in which to quarter the orphans. It is likely that the asylum will shortly be rebuilt.

Sister Josephine.  
TROY, N. Y., December 20.—Sister Josephine (Miss Catharine Brady) who met her death at the orphan asylum fire in Brooklyn Thursday afternoon, was for fourteen years a resident of this city prior to 1868, when she assumed charge of a department at the asylum. Her relatives here are Mrs. Peter Cavenay and the family of Bernard Cavenay.

MOODY'S MISTAKE.  
He Makes a Little One, But Recovers the Lost Ground.

CINCINNATI, O., December 20.—About three thousand people faced Mr. Moody, the evangelist, at Music Hall, yesterday morning, following Revs. Holbert and Hamilton on the subject "How to Promote Revivals in the Church." He had hardly begun before an amusing contretemps took place. "We are all children of revivals," said Mr. Moody, and adding: "Why, even some Methodist preachers oppose revivals; don't they brothers?" turning to some preachers on the right, with a shrug of his broad shoulders. Rev. J. J. Reed, warmly: "I don't know of any."

This produced quite a sensation. Some of the ministers laughed, some frowned and shook their heads, while the audience craned its multitudinous necks, and for the first time the leader seemed to have said an unwise thing. Mr. Moody then said: "Come, now, own up, brethren. You know that's the truth, don't you?" Dr. Joyce, indignant, colored, laughed and good naturedly nodded assent. Mr. Moody had won, but at Dr. Reed's expense, and the latter showed his pique and did not take the slightest apparent interest in the meeting for the next half hour.

FORTY-EIGHTH CONGRESS.  
Senate.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 19.—The opening prayer was offered in the hearing of six Senators, and a delay of several minutes occurred before there was sufficient attendance to justify the reading of the journal.

The bill making Inauguration Day a legal holiday in the District of Columbia was unanimously passed.

Mr. Gibson introduced a bill to transfer the United States Barracks at New Orleans to the Louisiana State Agricultural and Mechanical College for educational purposes.

The following bills were introduced and referred:

By Senator Gibson: To authorize the building of a shell road from Baton Rouge, La., to the National Cemetery.

By Senator Sabin: To provide for the erection of a public building at Stillwater, Minn., at an expenditure of \$100,000.

The Senate passed the bill to accept and ratify the treaty made in 1880 with the Shoshones, Bannocks and Sheepwater tribes of Indians on the Fort Hall and Lemhi Reservations in Idaho, for the sale of portions of their lands.

Mr. Hancock, from the Committee on Appropriations, reported back as invalid the pension appropriation bill. Referred to committee of the whole.

The inter-State commerce bill was then taken up. Mr. O'Neill (of Pennsylvania) moved to strike out the second section of the Reagan bill and insert the third section of the bill originally reported from the Committee on Commerce. These sections have reference to the rebates and drawbacks.

House.  
Mr. Blount (of Georgia) had read a personal letter from Hon. Geo. B. Loring, denying emphatically that he had been sought to influence the Legislature in securing the passage of the bill to create the Department of Agriculture.

By unanimous consent, on motion of Mr. Murphy (of Iowa) the House took up and passed the bill for a bridge over the Mississippi between Rock Island and Davenport.

The Clerk read before the House a memorial from John G. Thompson, late Sergeant-at-Arms of the House, asking for an appropriation to pay the judgment rendered against him in favor of Hallett Kilburn by the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, and reimburse him for expenses incurred and reasonable compensation for his time and services. Referred to Judiciary Committee with leave to report at any time.

A Compromise Judgment.  
CINCINNATI, O., December 20.—In the United States Court yesterday the election cases against Police Lieutenants Burke and Mullen, and Officers Venneman, Keating and Cunningham, were suddenly brought to an end by counsel for defendants agreeing the jury should return a verdict of not guilty as against Lieutenant Burke and the officers, and a verdict of guilty against Lieutenant Mullen, on the sixth count, which charges Mullen, with others, with unlawfully hindering, obstructing and preventing certain qualified voters from exercising their franchise on the 14th day of last October, by unlawfully confining them in a cellar.

HOLDING THE BAG.  
A Pennsylvania Jailor Badly Hoaxed by Boy Burglar.  
LEBANON, Pa., December 19.—Five prisoners made their escape from jail Wednesday night. The keeper had been warned by a prisoner that an attempt would be made, but after watching the inmates for an hour it was found that the birds had flown before the warning was received. Robert Meyer, "Fox" Large, and Jerome Elbright, known as the boy burglars, picked the lock of the iron cell in which they were confined, turned down the gas and entered the cell of two prisoners convicted of larceny, one of whom had but one leg. The floor of the cell had been torn up, and they dropped into the cellar and escaped through a coal hole.

A TERRIFIC EXPLOSION.  
Two Men Killed and Four Seriously Wounded.  
JACKSON, Mich., December 20.—The boiler of Plummer's planing mill exploded at three o'clock yesterday afternoon and two men were killed—Albert Keyport and Fred Miller. Keyport's body was frightfully mangled. Four others were badly injured and may die. The mill was blown to fragments, and many of the mills in the vicinity were shattered. A fire was blown entirely through a house one hundred yards away. The explosion shook the entire city, buildings being rocked a mile from the scene.

Peanut Merchants Asphyxiated.  
CANTON, O., December 20.—Vincenzo Mighlous, Giuseppe Perola and Francesco Cassio, three Italians, partners in a peanut stand, went to sleep Thursday night in a close room, heated by a charcoal fire built in a peanut roaster. Perola slept on the floor, and was found dead yesterday morning. The other two slept in a bed and were alive when there was the gas generated, for which there was no vent. Mighlous was lying unconscious yesterday and may recover. Cassio is very sick, but out of danger. The latter awoke early yesterday morning and was barely able to call assistance.

FOULLY MURDERED.

An Iowa Timber Cutter Slain by a Neighbor in Ambush.

DES MOINES, Ia., December 19.—Yesterday, near Eldon, while a man named Drake was chopping wood on his timber lot, he was warned off by Joseph Carter, who claimed that Drake was trespassing. As Drake was driving home at night Carter shot at him with a loaded musket, killing him instantly. Carter has not yet been arrested.

Fires.  
NEW YORK, December 20.—A fire causing a loss of \$25,000 to stock and building, occurred last evening in the four-story building, 272 Canal street, occupied by Isaacs & Samuels, wholesale dealers in tailors' trimmings and cloth. Loss covered by insurance. A fire last night in the five-story building, No. 38 Gold street, occupied by Stone Sons & Hall, as the Taunton Silver-plating Company, caused a loss of \$35,000.

The Swain Court-Martial.  
WASHINGTON, D. C., December 20.—In the Swain court-martial yesterday General Swain denied having had any knowledge that Colonel Morrow duplicated his pay accounts until a newspaper man brought him the information. Swain said he merely referred Morrow to Bateman as a person who was in the habit of cashing army pay accounts.

Doomed Treaties.  
WASHINGTON, D. C., December 20.—Every day that passes without action on the pending treaties appears to add to the already strong opposition to them. Prominent members of the House declare that should the Senate ratify the treaties the House would decline to pass the necessary legislation to put them in operation.

Assigned.  
NEW YORK, December 20.—The Tunisian Silk Company, which had an office at 19 Grand street, and a manufactory at Tariffville, Conn., have made an assignment. The liabilities are reported at about \$60,000, and nominal assets, \$75,000.

Paper Mill Burned.  
TOLEDO, O., December 20.—The Riverside paper mills in South Toledo, with all the stock and machinery, including one Fourdrinier machine and four pulp engines, were burned Thursday night. Loss, \$10,000; insured for \$6,500. The mills were owned by G. D. Claflin, Jr.

Postponed the Hearing.  
CHICAGO, Ill., December 20.—Judge Blodgett of the United States District Court has postponed the hearing of arguments for quashing the indictments against the Eighteenth Ward ballot-box conspirators until Wednesday of next week.

The Final Splice.  
NEW YORK, December 20.—The final splice in the broken cable of the new Commercial Cable Company was effected yesterday by the steamer Faraday, about 1,000 miles northeast of Canso, Nova Scotia.

Nominated by the President.  
WASHINGTON, D. C., December 20.—Among the nominations sent to the Senate yesterday were the following: Frank W. Palmer to be Postmaster at Chicago, and Wm. A. Stone to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Pennsylvania.

Held for Hell Gate.  
WASHINGTON, D. C., December 20.—General Newton, engineer in charge, sent a report to the House this afternoon stating that no part of the appropriation made for Hell Gate has been used for any other purpose.

Damaged in a Collision.  
RICHMOND, Va., December 20.—The steamer Pioneer, of Philadelphia, going out, and the British bark Elizabeth Stevens, inward bound, attempted to pass each other in Duck Gap, last evening, and collided. The bark was seriously damaged. She was towed to port.

Fire at Richmond, Va.  
RICHMOND, Va., December 20.—Fire last night destroyed Duke's stables, Preston & Belvin's furniture factory and Cable's factory of agricultural implements. Loss, \$30,000.

Is There A Cure for Consumption?  
We answer unreservedly, Yes! If the patient commences in time the use of Dr. Pierce's "Golden Medical Discovery," and exercises proper care. It allowed to run its course too long, all medicine is powerless to stay it. Dr. Pierce never deceives a patient by holding out false hope for the sake of pecuniary gain. The "Golden Medical Discovery" has cured thousands of patients when nothing else seemed to avail. Your druggist has it. Send two stamps for Dr. Pierce's complete treatise on consumption with numerous testimonials. Address World's Dispensary Medical Association, Buffalo, N. Y.

CHILDREN'S School Shoes, cheap, at Barber & Baker's. dec20 d2w

MANTELS and Grates at Ferguson & Dillehut's. may14-11f

WANTED, LOST, FOUND, &c.  
[Notices in this column, of five lines or less, will be inserted one week for 25 cents, payable in advance.]

WANTED—A second-hand safe. Inquire at Tombs & Luman's Restaurant, No. 139 South Main street. Dec20-d5\*

WANTED—A girl to do general housework. Inquire at 227 East Washington St. 20-40\*

WANTED—Ladies and young men in city or their homes; no canvassing; work furnished and sent by mail any distance. For particulars address, with stamp, Crystallized Photo Co., 53 W. 7th St., Cincinnati, Ohio. 423-43\*

WANTED—A girl to do housework. Apply at 838 North Main Street. 184\*

WANTED—A girl at 491 West North Street. E. A. GASTMAN. 144\*

LOST—On Tuesday, a Knights Templar gold L chain, locket shape, with portraits inside. A reward of \$5 will be paid for its return to the owner, W. H. STARR. 176\*

WANTED—A good nurse girl. Call at 247 East Wood Street. Reference required. 104\*

TO RENT—House of seven rooms, 640 West Prairie St. Inquire at 224 West Prairie, or of W. R. Bredie, at Pacific Express office. 134\*

BUY MIXED CANDIES at 15 cents a pound, and all kinds of pure home made candies, at Peto's Candy Stand, Cheap Charley's corner, on old square. Old Santa Claus buys all his candy there for Christmas. 134-135\*

TO CLOSE

We have to-day REDUCED the following goods:

Light Cloakings.  
\$2.00....to....\$1.00  
2.50....to.... 1.65  
3.50....to.... 2.00  
4.00....to.... 2.75

Black Beaver.  
\$1.75....to....\$1.25  
3.50....to.... 2.00  
4.00....to.... 2.50  
5.00....to.... 3.00  
6.00....to.... 4.00  
6.50....to.... 4.25

Black and Brown Chin chilla.  
\$5.00....to....\$3.00  
5.50....to.... 3.25  
6.00....to.... 3.75  
7.50....to.... 4.50

Black Plush.  
\$3.00....to....\$2.00  
4.00....to.... 3.00

Seal Plush.  
\$ 9.00....to....\$6.00  
12.00....to.... 8.00  
15.00....to....10.00

These are all below manufacturer's cost, and one needing Cloaking or Overcoating will do well to take advantage of this sale.

Our stock of Flannels, Cloaks and Blankets is perfect and at Lower Prices than ever shown in Decatur.

F. L. HAYS & CO.

AGENTS BAZAR PATTERNS.  
Dec. 3, 1884—d&wtf

During the Holidays

WE WILL MAKE SWEEPING REDUCTIONS

IN ALL GRADES OF

Gold and Silver Watches, Jewelry,

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We have too many goods on hand, and if low prices will be an inducement to buyers, we are determined to dispose of them.

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W. R. ABBOTT & CO.,

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Cloaks, Shawls,

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Prices will be made 50 per cent below real value. Somebody is going to get

Big Bargains in Cloaks!

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TO CLOSE

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\$2.00....to....\$1.00  
2.50....to.... 1.65  
3.50....to.... 2.00  
4.00....to.... 2.75

Black Beaver.  
\$1.75....to....\$1.25  
3.50....to.... 2.00  
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6.00....to.... 4.00  
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Black and Brown Chin chilla.  
\$5.00....to....\$3.00  
5.50....to.... 3.25  
6.00....to.... 3.75  
7.50....to.... 4.50

Black Plush.  
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4.00....to.... 3.00

Seal Plush.  
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12.00....to.... 8.00  
15.00....to....10.00

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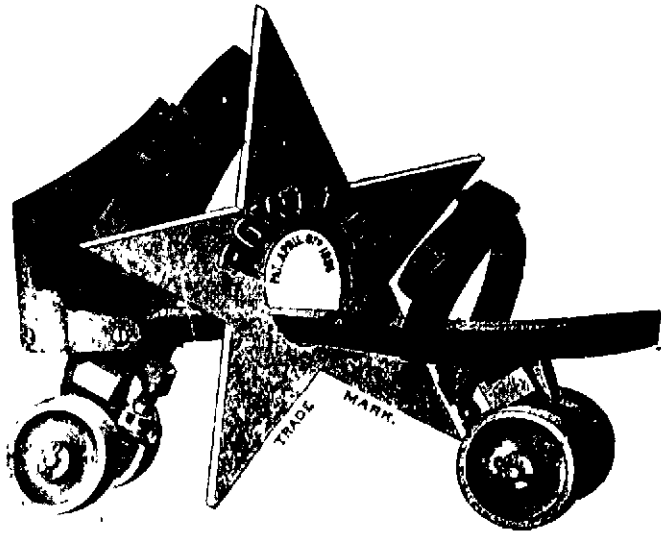
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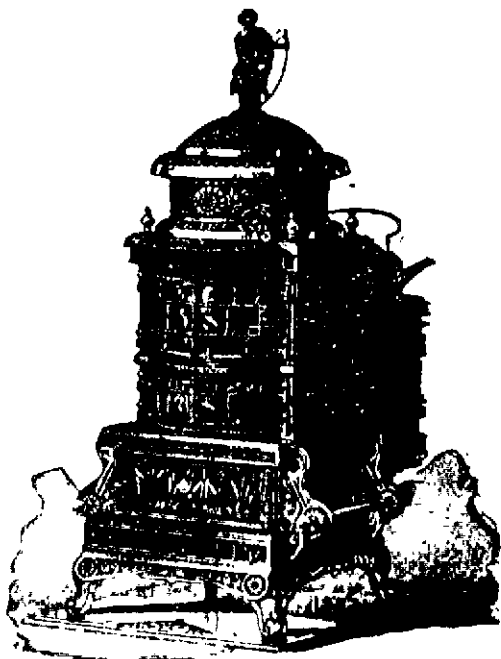
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SATURDAY EVE., DEC. 20, 1884.

### LOCAL NEWS.

DOLL CARRIAGES, Wagons and Velocipedes, all styles, sizes and prices, at E. D. BARTHOLOMEW & Co.'s.

SHUT the door!

TURKEYS sell at 10 cents a pound.

COURT will meet again next Monday at 11 a. m.

Ask all leading dealers for Schroeder's Bohemian cigars—a nickel each.

If you wish an evening of enjoyment, see the Pathfinders Monday night.

COLD weather is tough on gas. It don't burn brightly.

No more school until Jan. 5th. The children will have plenty of time to have fun with Old Santa and recover.

The Methodist Centennial will be observed and celebrated at the Decatur churches to-morrow.

TELEPHONE orders for groceries sent to Niedermeyer on the mound, promptly attended to.

The Springfield merchants and shippers are making a big kick about high freight rates and will endeavor to find relief.

Don't freeze your legs off when you can get overgaiters that button up to the knee at POWERS & HAWORTH'S.

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ELECTION of officers at the meeting of the Camp of Sons of Veterans next Monday night.

CHOICE apples, country butter and fresh eggs at W. H. Reeme's, 733 North Water street.

SPLENDID canned goods and fresh vegetables at Peter Ulrich's grocery store.

MURPHY and Murray in "Our Irish Visitors," Wednesday evening, the 24th, at the opera house.

TELEPHONE Geo. Ehrhart for coal and wood.

The mercury is on the up grade once more, since the Manitoba wave has passed over on its way east and south. It was 10 degrees above zero at 8 o'clock this morning. At the same hour yesterday it was 10 below.

IMPORTED gent's Underwear, the finest in the market at E. Stine's.

"Noburn's Claim" with Joe Dowling and the popular Sadie Hanson is to be here Friday, the 26th.

You can always save money by purchasing Window Materials and Carpets at Linn & Scroggie's.

10-4 WHITE BLANKETS at \$1.95 a pair at Linn & Scroggie's.

THE W. I. L. Club held a jolly meeting last night, all being entertained by Nanie Ferriss at her home, on West William street. Games and dancing were among the enjoyments of the evening. Refreshments were served at 10 o'clock.

OYSTERS served in all styles; also in bulk or can at Wood Bros.

A FINE orchestra is with the Pathfinders. See them Monday night.

SCHOOL teachers and Sunday school officers will go to the City Book Store for Christmas presents, if they consult their own interests. Largest variety and special prices.

EDNA, daughter of J. S. and Ollie Edmiston, of Forsyth, died on Dec. 18th, aged 1 year and 20 days. The child was buried at Macon on Friday afternoon. The many friends of the family will be sorry to learn of their loss. Mrs. Edmiston is lying dangerously ill at her home.

The Pathfinders give selections from all the latest operas Monday night at the opera house.

If you want shoes that will give the best of wear, go to Freeman Bros., on the old square.

Those elegant Haines Bros. pianos can be found only at C. B. Prescott's parlor in opera block, where may be seen a great variety of musical instruments suitable for holiday gifts.

CHILDREN'S Books, in all styles and prices, at the City Book Store.

SUGAR toys, fruits, and Christmas tree ornaments at Wood Bros.

ALL who want candies for Christmas go to Wood Bros.

If you want a shoe that will not rip, go to Freeman Bros. and get their sole leather tip.

It will pay our readers to peruse the display of new advertisements in this issue.

SANTA CLAUS gives orders to the people to go to Abel & Locke's store and get bargains in flow carpets during the holidays.

V. H. PARKER is just receiving his stock of Hard Coal, direct from the mines, Lehigh, Scranton and Lackawanna. Telephone 57. Soft Coal, Lump or Nut at his Feed Store. Will make lowest prices; guarantee quality and weight. Every description of feed. Give him a trial. Coal well screened and dry. Come and see it, adjoining Tabernacle.

FRESH OYSTERS, direct from Baltimore, by can or dish. None but the best brands, at Marcott's restaurant, No. 114 North Water street.

FRESH OYSTERS, in bulk or can, at I. F. Peck & Co's. Give them a call.

If George Washington lived in these days, he could say with all the rest: I can not, will not tell a lie. Freeman Bros. keep the best.

Under the Wheels.  
At about 12 o'clock to-day H. L. West, foreman in charge of a Wabash switch engine, came near losing his life near Shell-labarger & Co.'s mill. He was in the act of getting on a moving box car when he slipped on the ice and fell part way under the car. He managed to get off the rail but his left arm was caught by a wheel and out and bruised badly. The wheel passed over the arm, but strange to state, did not fracture the bone. The arm was dressed by the Chenoweths, to whose office West was taken in the Epler carriage. West has a family.

### A Flagman Dead.

John Morarity, who has been the Illinois Central flagman at the Eldorado street crossing for a number of years, died yesterday at the family residence in the fifth ward, aged about 65 years. He leaves a widow and several children. The funeral will occur on Sunday at 2 p. m. from the Catholic Church.

### PERSONAL MENTION.

Capt. Byron Barrett has returned to the city.

Mrs. Gus. Kimber, of this city, was one of the guests at the Clarke-Staley wedding at Springfield Thursday evening.

J. H. Clawson, of Sup't Armstrong's office, will leave for Toledo to-night to spend the holidays.

F. J. Davis, one of the stockholders of the Decatur gas company, is at the Palace Hotel. His home is at Waltham, Mass.

Rev. W. H. Prestley is at home sick, and consequently there will be no preaching at the Presbyterian church to-morrow.

J. E. Lightner has returned from Pennsylvania and has resumed his old place as a salesman at D. H. Heilman & Son's grocery store.

Miss Irene Thatcher, who has been attending St. Mary's Seminary, at Knoxville, will arrive home to remain during the two weeks holidays.

Will Heilman arrived home last night from St. Louis, where he has been attending the Bryant & Stratton business college.

### TWO DELIGHTFUL OPERAS.

Big Holiday Matinee Saturday, Dec. 27.

The now famous opera, "The Little Duke," is to be given at the opera house for matinee at 2 o'clock, and the beautiful opera "The Queen's Lace Handkerchief," at night, by Grand New York Opera Co. This will be the event of the holidays. Look out for a big matinee.

### New Officers.

The newly elected officers of the Uniform Degree Camp No. 24, I. O. O. F., are: Geo. W. Patterson, Commander. J. M. Ehrman, Vice Commander. E. U. Leighton, O. G. George P. Blume, Secretary. Peter Ulrich, Treasurer.

Miss Jessie Panten entertained the Home Circle at her home last night in royal style. It was the occasion of the first German of the season, in which there were fifteen figures, the opera orchestra furnishing the music. A choice collation was served. Among the guests were Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Graham and Miss Byrnes, of Ky., and Frank Judson, of Chicago.

### Gift of a Cane.

Rev. Father Mackin, of the Catholic Church, has presented Dr. W. J. Chenoweth with a handsome gold-headed ebony cane, as a testimonial of his personal regard for the physician. The cane is appropriately inscribed.

### It Costs Nothing

to see, and but little to buy an elegant Hanging Library Lamp, at Wingate's Lamp Store, Central Block.

### Notice.

All shoes now in stock must be closed out by Jan. 1st. In order to do it I will make extra low prices for the next ten days. January 1st I will open up an entire new stock of boots and shoes in the building between Cole's drug store and Henry Lyon's grocery, on Merchant street.

J. W. BAKER.

Something New for Everybody.

The Pendu Light. Everybody who has used the old style Drop Lights has become disgusted with them and wondered why something more practical and ornamental was not made. The Pendu Light fills the bill, both as to utility and ornament—they save the gas and the eyesight, and they are a handsome Christmas present. Call and see them at

KORSMYER & O'NEILL'S, Cor. N. Main and William Sts.

ARE you a Christian worker? Read W. E. Lewis' address on "How to deal with Inquirers." It is found in the proceedings of the Y. M. C. A. state convention, and can be had of the Gen'l Secretary.

### New Shoe Store.

On Jan. 1st J. W. Baker will open a new stock of boots and shoes in the building next door north of Henry Lyon's grocery store, on Merchant street. In the meantime he will close out everything now in stock at prices low enough for anybody.

REV. FRANK M. BRISTOL's address before the state convention of Y. M. C. A. workers should be read by all Christian workers. It is found in the proceedings of the convention, and can be had of the General Secretary.

ORDER your Coal of Geo. Ehrhart. Get it promptly. Telephone 139.

GENTS' fine Smoking Jackets, to be had only at E. Stine's.

GOLDEN GIFT TO GASTMAN.

25 Years Superintendent of City Schools—"Watched" by the Teachers.

During the past few weeks the 24 teachers of the Decatur public schools have been quietly arranging for a surprise on Mr. E. A. Gastman, who has been connected with the city schools for a quarter of a century, and has held the position of city superintendent continuously since 1862. That he has made a good and efficient superintendent, his efforts in the past and the present high standard of our schools fully attest. Decatur owes much to Mr. Gastman for what he has done, and the teachers who know and appreciate his valuable services in the community perhaps more fully than do the parents of children generally, planned to celebrate the 25th, or silver, anniversary of his official career in our midst by making him a handsome present. Through W. R. Abbott & Co. the teachers procured an elegant Waltham full jeweled gold watch, one of the finest and prettiest manufactured. The case is embellished with a handsome monogram, "E. A. G." and is inscribed as follows:

Teachers of Decatur Public Schools To Enoch A. Gastman 1862-1887.

In order to keep the superintendent in the dark as to what was soon to occur, Mr. and Mrs. Gastman were invited to take tea last evening with Mr. and Mrs. Silas Puckard, and at a convenient hour, when all but two of the 34 city teachers had assembled at the Gastman residence, the superintendent was summoned home. He had no knowledge whatever of the intended surprise, and he was greatly amazed to find so many familiar faces in his parlors, all apparently waiting for something to happen. The suspense was removed in a few moments by Mrs. A. E. Murphy, who in presenting the elegant gold watch, delivered the following appropriate remarks:

MR. GASTMAN—As the oldest, homeliest and best natured of these teachers, I am asked to make an explanation. You are thinking, no doubt, that we are all here to tender our resignations in a body and to bid you farewell. No, no. We expect to go right along drawing our salaries as regularly and as often as the calendar will allow. To be understood I must go back a little. Twenty-five years ago, before some of these teachers were born; when others were little tots; when we that are now old and gray-headed were young—you came among us. It is not given to many men to tread the downward way of the same school building for twenty-five consecutive years. You, sir, as foreman of these workers, have led us all these years in and out through these workshops; you have battered out feelings, pumped us dry of conceit, and worked us like government clerks; you have taught our brothers and sisters, admitted and permitted our children to attend the Decatur schools; you have been in the land. Through all we felt you always to have been the teachers' best friend as well as the children's champion. Reminiscences of the past, with light and shade, will be left to some free-lance talk. All these twenty-five years some of us have observed your course, as teacher, as superintendent, as citizen, as a man.

To be sure the quarter of a century is not quite complete, but we all here have agreed to watch you well to its close. Christmas does not come in the spring. We have taken time by the forelock, and in the name of the present corps of teachers and a few of the former teachers, I present to you this token of their esteem and appreciation of your work, with hearty good wishes for the future, hoping that for twenty-five more years it will help you to mark school time, recreation time, examination time and pay time. Its tick, tick, will remind you of the clock of the ubiquitous "schoolmarm." You know by experience, sir, that the only way to silence either of them is to let them run down.

During the speaking Mr. Gastman was manifestly greatly embarrassed, and when it came his turn to respond, for once in his life he was unable to find words expressing his surprise and grateful thanks for the kindly remembrance. However, he managed to speak his gratitude.

The company remained a short time, and then departed in good time by the gold watch.

### CONGRATULATIONS.

The following are among the telegrams and notes of congratulation received by Mr. Gastman:

MAYFAIR, NEAR CHICAGO, Dec. 19. Here's to Gastman and family. May they live long and prosper. S. ALLEN JUDD.

DAK PARK, ILL., Dec. 19. Miss Mary Walker: Present congratulations on the silver era; or is it a golden time? I. E. BROWN.

PEKIN, ILL., Dec. 19. Miss Mary Walker: Present to Mr. Gastman my hearty congratulations on this pleasant occasion. LAURA FULTON.

SPRINGFIELD, ILL., Dec. 19. Mr. Gastman: Though unable to be one of the charmed circle around you to-night, I propose to "count you in" as still one of the family, and to offer my heartiest congratulations upon this pleasant occasion. I will not be so hard-hearted as to wish you twenty-five times twenty returns of this day, but I do offer the hope that the coming twenty-five years may hold for you as much of joyful routine as the past have had of fatiguing service, and that you may long continue to be to many a disheartened teacher inspiration and guide to better work, as you have been to me. Very truly yours, NERVEN WILLY.

### Amusements.

Monday night the jolly Pathfinders will appear before the footlights in a grand olio of musical selections and a generous bill of fun, such as the Rent-free Company only know how to present to tickle the public. The prices will be 25, 50 and 75 cents; no extra charge for reserved seats.

We Tuesday evening the 24th, will come Murray & Murphy's Company, "Our Irish Visitors," with a great holiday bill of operatic and dramatic attractions. This is a strong comedy company that catches on big wherever it appears. Earle Remington, the charming Decatur sonnette will make her first appearance before an audience in this city. Popular prices.

READ J. W. Baker's card. He is closing out at a slashing out, and will open out a new stock Jan. 1st, on Merchant-st.

### Difficult to Find.

Gent's Genuine Alligator French Kid Lined Christmas Slippers. Also many other stylish slippers, at 25 per cent less than heretofore sold. Beautiful French trimmings for ladies dress slippers—make your old ones like new for small cost. Ladies' skating shoes are the correct thing to be worn at the rink. Will keep the ankle from turning. To be found only at POWERS & HAWORTH'S.

TEACHERS, festivals and parties wishing candy in quantities will be furnished at reduced prices at Wood Bros.

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A prominent business man and shipper at Springfield is represented by the Journal as saying that he considered the maximum freight rates established under the present law more of a detriment than a benefit to the shipper. He said before the law was put into effect, his firm paid only a 25 to 40 cent rate, while now they have to pay 51 cents on first-class freight. Hence he considers the present law has worked against the shippers. "It makes," he said, "a uniform rate instead of allowing the towns having extra facilities to derive any benefit." It is also represented that the Springfield merchants expect to break the freight pool by forming a combination in favor of one road, or by giving to this road all the carrying to and from Springfield, make the inducement so great that the company will withdraw from the pool. It is also stated that one of the roads in the pool is understood to be ready to enter into such an arrangement, and unless the desired concessions are made by the pool this course will be pursued.

### Took Poison.

The four year old daughter of Wm. Aldridge, drayman for Henry Archer, living on North Broadway, got hold of a vial of carbolic acid yesterday and swallowed part of it. The poison came near killing the child, but Dr. Chenoweth administered antidotes promptly. It is now believed the little girl will recover.

### High School Literary Society.

This society held its regular meeting at the High School building last evening. The programme consisted of recitations, a duet by Misses Lou Bear and Ida Kain, and a violin solo by Leo Heilbrun. The debate was on the question, Resolved, "That convict labor should be abolished." Affirmative, Wm. Van Leer and David Cloyd. Negative, Harry Wenzel and Jno. Magee. The judges decided in favor of the negative. The society paper was read by Clarence Wait, and was quite amusing. The next meeting, Friday evening, Jan. 26th, will be visitors' night, and a good programme has been arranged. The debate will be on the question of the ratification of the Spanish treaty, and all visitors will be welcomed.

### Masonic.

Special communication of Macon Lodge this (Saturday) evening, at seven o'clock. Members of Ionic Lodge and visiting brethren invited. By order E. P. VAIL, W. M. T. W. PINKERTON, Sec.

### Redotto Club Party.

The Progressive Enchore party, attended by members of the Redotto Club, given at the residence of Dr. Johns last night, proved one of the most enjoyable social gatherings of the winter. The entertainers were Mrs. C. B. Moore and Mrs. F. J. Sedgwick, and so large was the company that eight tables were brought into use. The game which was played according to Hoyle grew very exciting and terminated with Nellie Durfee, Mary Rogers, James Hatfield and F. D. Caldwell as prize winners. During the evening fine refreshments were served. The prizes were a beautiful handkerchief holder, a novel calendar and one other pretty article.

### THE CHURCHES TO-MORROW.

#### CHURCH OF GOD.

M. S. Newcomer, pastor. Subject at 10:30 a. m.: "The Mind of Christ." Evening theme: "Ark of Salvation."

#### FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

No services, owing to the sickness of the pastor.

#### UNIVERSALIST CHURCH.

Rev. Sophie Gibb, pastor. Services at the usual hours. Morning subject, "Life a Warfare." Evening, "Faith in the Invisible." Sunday school at noon. Strangers invited.

#### ENGLISH EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH.

Services at 10:30 a. m. and 7 p. m. by the pastor. Morning subject: "Heroism in Morality." Evening subject: "Kinship by Salvation." Sunday school at 2 p. m. The Christmas Festival of the Sunday School will be held Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Divine service Christmas morning 10:30 o'clock. Place of worship in hall, corner N. Main and Eldorado Sts. All are invited. Rev. A. W. Walter, pastor, 317 Durfee St.

#### BAPTIST CHURCH.

Rev. Geo. B. Vosburgh, Ph. D., pastor, preaches at 10:30 a. m. and 7:15 p. m. Subject of the morning sermon, "Old Truths Revisited." Subject for evening, "Why did Jesus Come?"—a Christmas sermon. All are cordially invited. Sunday school at 9:15 a. m.

#### CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

Preaching by the pastor, T. W. Pinkerton, at 10:30 a. m. and 7 p. m. Sunday school at 2 p. m. You are invited.

#### FIRST M. E. CHURCH.

Centennial services. Preaching at 10:30 a. m. and 7 p. m. by the pastor, T. I. Cuntas. Subject, "A Hundred Years of Methodism." Morning—"An Outline of its History." Evening—"Its Philosophy." Special music by the choir. Classes meet at 9 a. m. Sunday school at 2 p. m. and young people's meeting at 6:15 p. m. Seats free. All are invited.

#### G. A. C. CHURCH.

Quarterly meeting to-morrow. Rev. L. Field will preach morning and evening. Love-feast meeting at 9:30 a. m. Sunday school 2 p. m. Your presence is solicited. R. H. Beck, pastor.

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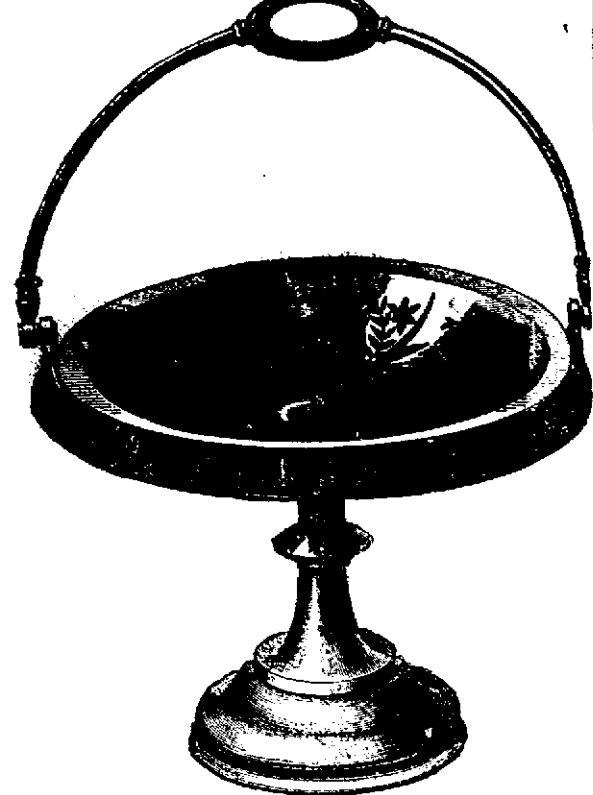


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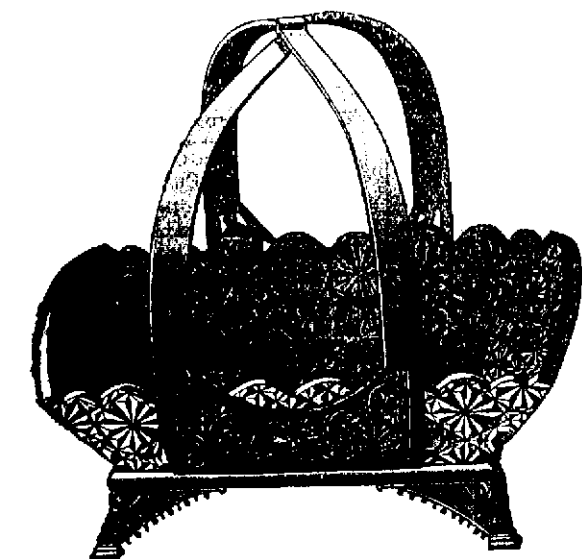
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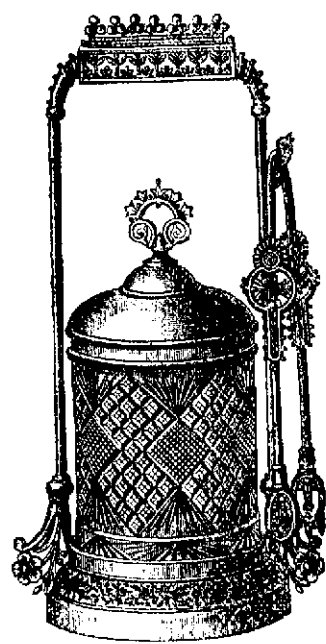
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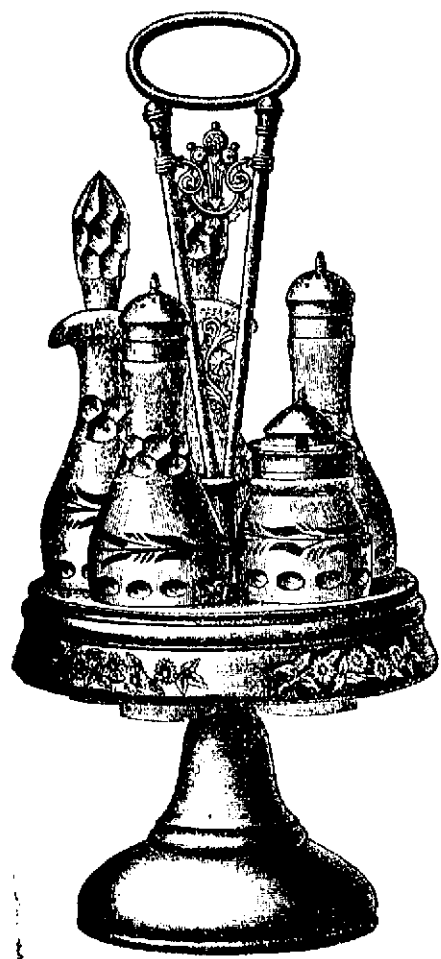
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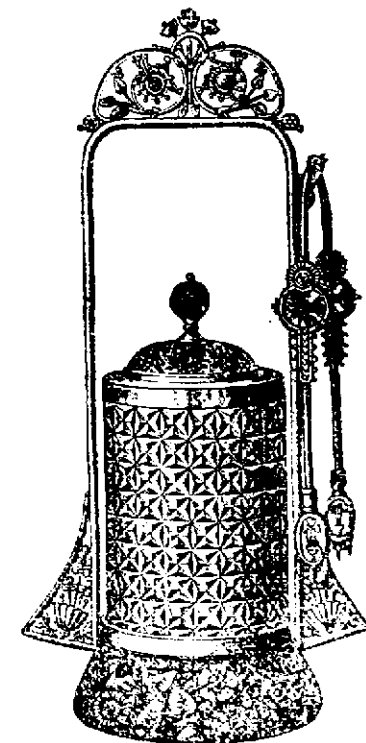
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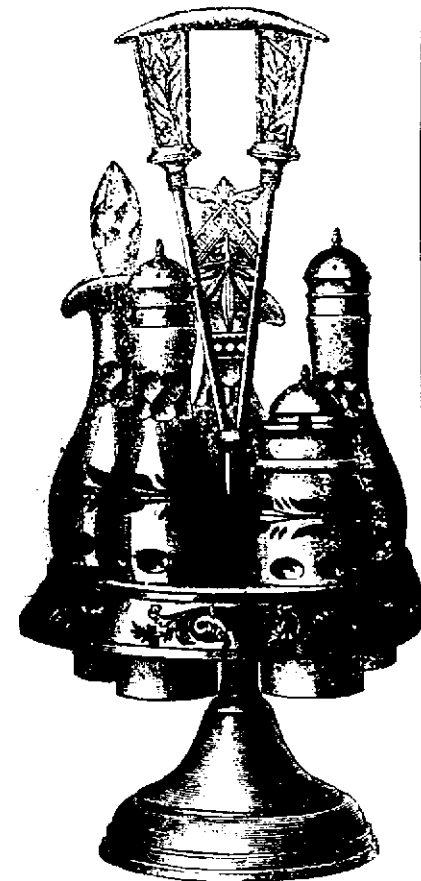
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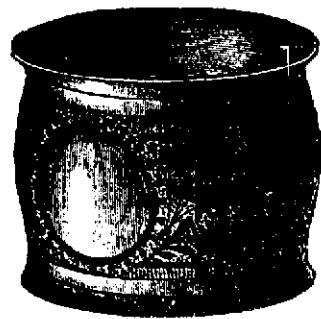
We have more goods this year than we can turn into money, unless we make very strong inducements.

WE RECOGNIZE THAT FACT, and have determined to REDUCE EVERY-THING WE HAVE to an extent that will make the temptation to buy as strong as possible.

You can't afford to buy Diamonds, Watches or Jewelry without seeing us.

**OTTO E. CURTIS & CO.,**

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL JEWELERS.



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# MORE CUT PRICES!

Until the First of January,  
**AT LIDDLE'S.**

China Gold Band Tea Sets, \$9.50, worth \$13.00.

Elegant Parlor Hanging Lamps, \$2.60.

Solid Nickel Tea Spoons, 65 cents per set.

" " Table Spoons, \$1.30 per set.

Spoons will wear better than plated goods, and keep their beautiful color as long as the spoon lasts.

Carving Knives and Forks.

Table Knives and Forks as low as 60 cents per set.

Child's Sets (knife, fork and spoon) silver plated, 40 cents per set--less than half the usual price.

Pocket Knives, Scissors,

Cut and Common Glassware,

Queensware, Dinner Sets, China,

AND ALMOST ALL KINDS OF

**HOUSEKEEPING GOODS**

Useful and Ornamental.

# TOYS. TOYS.

Sleds, Coasters, Steel Sleds, Wagons,  
Doll Carriages. Dolls one cent to one  
dollar. Christmas Candles. 150 pairs  
Vases, half price. Child's Chairs and  
Rockers. Baby Jumpers, and thous-  
ands of small toys,

**ALL CUT PRICES**

To Clear Out the Stock,

**AT LIDDLE'S.**

No my advertisement in another column. Furniture all  
—no, not the Furniture, but the prices. Please call in  
and wait you, at

**LIDDLE'S,**

Court House Block.

What It Pledges.

The Nicaraguan treaty is published in full, and the public will be now enabled to obtain a fair idea, not only of what it proposes shall be gained by the United States, but what the acquisition will cost. The document provides

1. The United States shall build a canal across the Isthmus of Nicaragua, the canal to be under the joint ownership of the United States and Nicaragua.

2. Perpetual alliance between the two countries, the United States guaranteeing the integrity of Nicaragua's territory.

3. Nicaragua grants to the United States right of way, by land and water, for the canal, for railroad and for telegraph lines, the United States to indemnify private owners if their property is taken.

4. A strip of land two and a half miles wide along the line of the canal is to be jointly owned by the two countries, Nicaragua to have civil jurisdiction over it.

5. The canal tolls are to go two-thirds to the United States and one-third to Nicaragua.

6. The United States to loan Nicaragua \$4,000,000, to be paid in frequent installments. The loan is to be repaid from Nicaragua's share of the canal tolls.

These are the most important provisions. The details are numerous and are for the purpose of facilitating the work of construction, and relate to the management of the canal after its completion. Nicaragua is prohibited from levying any custom house duties on passengers, vessels or cargoes passing through the canal, but that nation may enforce a police system along its course. The United States is to have exclusive control of the work of construction, but contracts may be enforced and the work shall be protected under the laws of Nicaragua. Nicaragua agrees to extinguish in due form such rights as may have been acquired by any other nation under any previous treaty, which will include the abrogation of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty.

Such are in general terms the most important provisions of this document. It appears to be received with general favor. Perhaps the objections to the policy for which it provides on the part of the United States are not of such weight as to counterbalance its evident advantages. The canal would probably cost \$100,000,000. The United States has not been remarkably successful as a partner in similar works in the past, but perhaps the gain would be greater than the loss, if it should sink the entire amount without expectation of a return.

## A Walking Skeleton.

Mr. E. Springer, of Mechanicsburg, Pa., writes: "I was afflicted with lung fever and abscess on lungs, and reduced to a walking skeleton. Got a free trial bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, which did me so much good that I bought a dollar bottle. After using three bottles, found myself once more a man, completely restored to health, with a hearty appetite, and a gain in flesh of 48 pounds." Call at Swearingen & Hubbard's drug store and get a free trial bottle of this certain cure for all Lung Diseases. Large bottles \$1.00. ad

Gov. HAMILTON, of Illinois, and Mrs. Hamilton and the governor's staff were present Wednesday evening at a reception held by Governor McEnery, of Louisiana, at the St. Charles hotel. The Continental Guards, acting as Gov. McEnery's staff, attended in full uniform, presenting a very brilliant appearance. Among the guests were the governors of Mississippi, Kentucky and Alabama, Secretary Teller, Postmaster General Hutton, the governor of British Honduras, foreign Consuls resident in New Orleans, and prominent citizens. Many ladies were also in attendance, and the affair passed off very pleasantly.

The best on earth, can truly be said of Griggs' Glycerine Salve, which is a sure, safe and speedy cure for cuts, bruises, scalds, burns, wounds and all other sores. Will positively cure piles, tetter and all skin eruptions. Try this wonder healer. Satisfaction guaranteed or money refunded. Only 25 cents. Sold by Dr. A. J. Stoner. dec8 ly

CHARLEY BRYAN would be pleased to have his friends call and see him at John Irwin's White Front. 6-dwtf

The largest stock of Children's Clothing in the city at B. Stone's dwtf

Buy no child's shoe except the "Solar Tip," with L. L. Ferriss & Co's name on every pair. sc25-1&wtf

CHRISTMAS Cards of all kinds cheap at R. N. Hughson's New Book Store, East Eldorado street. n25 dtf

CHEAP CHARLEY has, in order to keep step with his increased trade, moved the corner store on the Old Square and increased his stock of Clothing, Hats, Caps and Gents' Furnishing Goods accordingly. o17-dwtf

Toys of all kinds sold cheap at R. N. Hughson's New Book Store, East Eldorado street. n25 dtf

HARRY HALL can attend to any kind of repairing you may want done about your house. Don't fail to call on him at shop, under G. P. Blume's store, in opera block. dec4-dim

# Peter Ullrich STANDS AT THE FRONT

—IN—

**CHOICE FAMILY GROCERIES!**

144 East Main Street,  
**DECATUR, ILLINOIS.**

He has Three Rooms filled. On the first or ground floor may be found everything in piece or broken quantities for the **RETAIL TRADE**. In the upper room may be found goods in bulk, ready to open for the retail trade, or to supply the country Wholesale Trade. The Cellar is filled with Heavy Groceries.

**LOWEST Price Asked for Goods!**

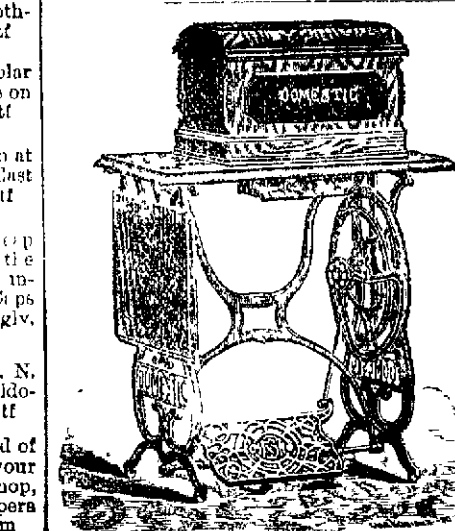
Leave your orders Free Delivery to all parts of the City. He makes a Specialty on

**Best Brands of Oysters,**  
Either by the Can, Case or in Bulk.

With eight clerks to wait on customers, and two teams to deliver, you need not wait to have your order filled. The best of treatment guaranteed, honest weights, and the purest goods that the market affords, and with an experience of 25 years, Mr. Ullrich is enabled to place before his numerous customers a line of Family Groceries Unsurpassed.

**What More Would You Ask?**  
**REMEMBER,**

144 EAST MAIN STREET.



FOR A BEAUTIFUL  
**Christmas Present,**  
GET A LIGHT RUNNING  
**DOMESTIC**  
—OR—  
**WHITE.**  
**GEO. P. BLUME,**  
249 N. Water St., Decatur.

# NOW FOR FUN

In order to close out our entire stock of Christmas goods, we will, from now until January 1st, make such prices as will astonish you.

**We Mean Business and will NOT BE Undersold.**

## NOTE OUR REDUCTIONS.

Children's Christmas Books Reduced from \$1 to 65c; from \$1.25 to \$1; from \$1.50 to \$1.10.  
All 30 and 40 ct. Books at 25c.  
All 25 ct. Books at 15c.  
All 15 and 20 ct. Books at 10c.  
All 10 ct. Books at 5c.  
\$1 Games and Toys Reduced to 75c.

Photograph and Autograph Albums cheaper than ever known. Family and Pocket Bibles at greatly reduced prices. Episcopal and Catholic Prayer Books way down. Work Boxes and Writing Desks at bottom prices.

**Sheet Music Given Away to Every Customer.**

Music Holders reduced from \$2 to \$1.25; from \$1.50 to \$1; from \$1 to 75c.

\$1.75 Scrap Books now only \$1.25; \$1.50 Scrap Books now only \$1; \$1 Scrap Books now only 75c.

FINE, LARGE OIL PAINTINGS, in elegant frames, reduced from \$10 to \$7; from \$7.50 to \$5; from \$5 to \$4; from \$4 to \$3.

Ladies' and Gents' Toilet Sets at net wholesale prices. Our stock is all new and seasonable.

Don't delay, but come at once and secure bargains. COME TO-DAY —to-morrow may be too late. We will store your purchases until wanted.

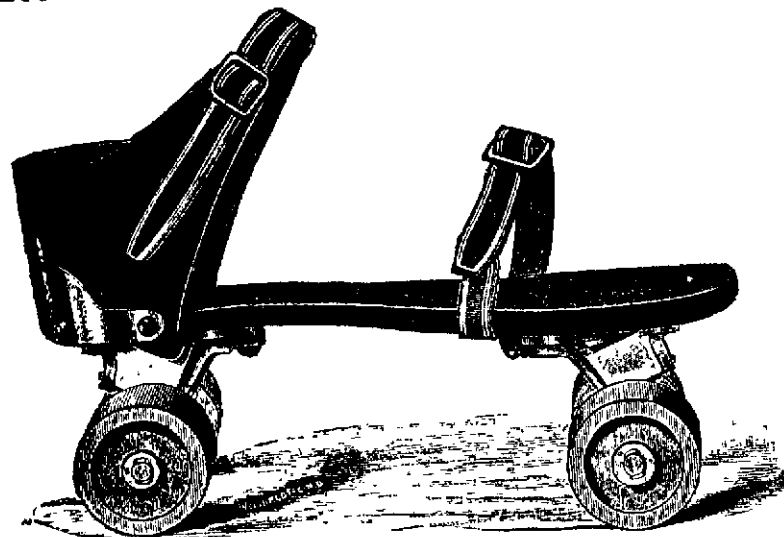
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One Door West of P. O., DECATUR, ILL.  
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## THE CHAMPION ROLLER SKATE

HAS BEEN ENTIRELY REMODELED.

And is to day the Best, Lightest and Most Durable Skate for Rinks, and MUCH THE CHEAPEST.



VINEYARD CLAMP ROLLER SKATES.

Finest line of ladies' and gentlemen's Pocket Knives, for Christmas presents.

Our stock of Guns and Revolvers is much too large, and to reduce stock we have marked down prices until Jan. 1st.

Now is the time and this is the place to buy any and everything in Sporting Goods at Low Prices, and don't you forget it.

**E. C. REESE.**

Dec. 10 d&w2w

257 North Main Street.

## "Golden Star," for Soft Coal.

**A BASE HEATING,**  
Floor Warming Stove.

Any one wishing a STRICTLY FIRST-CLASS Base Heating Stove, will do well to examine the

**GOLDEN STAR.**

In Soft Coal SMOKE CONSUMERS we keep

**DENMARK and LION**

In Hard Coal heaters,

**RADIANT HOME**

—AND—

**WESTMINSTER.**

In Cook Stoves, **CHARTER OAK, BOOM and GOLDEN STAR.**

In Ranges, **NOVEL, ACORN and COLD COIN.**

OLD CORNER HARDWARE STORE,

**CLOSE, GRISWOLD & CO.**

May 10, 1886

### President's Wives.

President Harrison died in office before his wife came to Washington.

Martha Skelton, the beautiful wife of the red-headed and freckled Jefferson, had been dead nineteen years before her husband was elected.

Hannah Hoe, the consort of foxy Van Buren, lay in her grave seventeen years before President Jackson made him his successor.

President Arthur is the same age that President Tyler was when he married Miss Julia Garduer, during the last year of his presidential term. He was 54 years of age and she less than 20.

Reachel Donelson, the wife of the hot-headed but courtly Gen. Jackson, had her dress made to take her place as mistress of the executive mansion, but died three months before Old Hickory was inaugurated.

President Arthur is the exact age Mark Antony was when he became enamored of Cleopatra, and, strange as it may be, the dusky queen was the same age as Miss Freeling-huysen, the president's fiancée, when she killed herself.

President Arthur's first will have been buried five years next January. She was married to him in St. John's church, Washington, which he now attends, and where he has placed a window to her memory. He occupies the same pew she sat in when a girl.

The president's wives now living are Mrs. Polk, at Nashville; Mrs. Tyler, at Richmond; Mrs. Grant, in New Jersey; Mrs. Hayes, in Fremont, and Mrs. Garfield, at Cleveland.

### Christmas and Party Suppers.

L. L. Ferriss & Co. are in receipt of the finest line of Gents' and Ladies' Christmas and Party Suppers ever brought to Decatur.

DETROIT Post: The small wits of the Democratic press have been repeating what they imagined was a good joke, that General Grant's refusal to accept a pension was the first time he ever declined anything. Intelligent people, however, remember that he declined the sword of General Lee, who was the greatest of Democratic generals; that he declined the terms of surrender offered by Buckner, another great Democratic name; and that, ever since the rebellion of the Southern Democrats broke out he has declined to join the Democratic party on any terms.

CALL at B. Stine's for Christmas presents, comprising silk suspenders, silk handkerchiefs, in foreign and domestic fabrics, at reasonable prices. d&wtf

THE Senator most in demand by callers, at Washington, destitute of the world's goods, is Logan. "Most of the people who see him," says a Senate employe, "are old soldiers or their families. Whenever a shabby-looking person comes into the room the boys say, 'There's another visitor for Logan.' In the majority of cases they are correct."

FURNITURE and musical instruments repaired. I am generally successful in giving satisfaction in repairing all grades of furniture. Best of references given. Harry Hall, under Blaine's store, opera block. dec4-dim

GENTS' Smoking Jackets at B. Stine's d&wtf

CHEAP CHARLEY now occupies the corner store on the Old Square.

Grand Excursion to San Francisco, Cal. The Frisco Line has perfected all arrangements for a Grand Pullman Palace Car Excursion for January 8th, 1886. St. Louis to San Francisco and return. These tickets will be good 6 months from date of sale, and will be sold for \$110.00 each for the round trip. The price for Pullman Sleeping Car double berth, St. Louis to San Francisco, will be \$16.00. This excursion will visit en route, going, without extra fare, Las Vegas Hot Springs, Santa Fe, New Mexico, and Los Angeles, Cal. and may return at pleasure from San Francisco. This will be the grandest and most delightful excursion ever made to San Francisco. Persons intending to join this excursion should apply at once with remittance for berths in through Pullman Sleeping Cars to the undersigned. S. A. HUGHES, Ticket Ag't Frisco Line, 21 North 4th street, St. Louis, Mo. Geo. Lower, Frisco Line Ag't, Decatur, Ill. N. B.—Train will leave Union Depot, St. Louis, Mo., 8.30 p. m., Tuesday, Jan. 6th, 1886.

## Closing Out!

NOTIONS AND FANCY GOODS.

### LADIES' HANDKERCHIEFS.

Value 25c, all linen, colored bordered, hem stitched, 10c.

Value 50c all linen, colored embroidered corners, hem-stitched, 25 cents.

Beautiful plain and fancy Handkerchiefs at 15c, 20c, 25c, 50c, up to \$1, suitable for Xmas presents. Decided bargains.

Value 50c gents' fancy Silk Handkerchiefs, 25c

Value 65c do 50c.

Value 75c do 64c.

All \$1, \$1.25 and \$1.50 do at \$1.

A few very elegant fancy handkerchiefs at \$2 each, worth nearly double.

Children's Combination Skirts and Waists, knit of fine cashmere wool, worth \$1.50, at 98c.

Same in larger sizes, for misses, worth \$2, for \$1.25. Comfortable, warm and nice for children. All ladies' winter Gloves at 25c a pair, worth double.

Ladies' very best \$1 Leggings, 75c a pair.

Misses' 75c Leggings, 50c.

" 50c do 35c.

" 40c do 25c.

## KID GLOVES.

5 hook, best guaranteed quality, black and colors, \$1.25.

7 hook do \$1.50.

4 button do \$1.35.

Worth \$1.50 and \$2.

The above goods must and will be closed out, and from now until Christmas we will present each purchaser of the above with an elegant leather-bound Autograph Album, which brings the Glove down to less than half price.

Remember our grand CLOSING OUT SALE

### POPULAR

**NEW YORK STORE,**

Water St., Decatur.

## LOOK OUT!

Until the first of January I will slaughter prices on my immense stock of **NEW GOODS**, in order to reduce the quantity.

**HERE THEY GO!**

The following prices are 15 to 30 per ct. off:

13 Parlor Suits, \$45 and upward.

30 Bed Room Sets, \$19 and up.

40 Upholstered Easy Chairs and Rockers, \$7.50 and up.

50 Rattan Chairs and Rockers, \$4.50 and up.

35 Large Cane Seat and Back Rockers, \$2.40.

24 Sewing and Nurse Chairs, \$1.65.

Book Case and Secretary, \$19.

Large Wardrobes, \$11.50.

Mirrors, 20 per cent off

Oil Paintings, 50 per cent off.

Ladies' Writing Desks, Music Stands, Bible Stands, Marble Top Centre Tables, Hall Stands and Hat Racks.

Elegant Pillar Dining Tables, \$21.

\$70 Cabinet Organ for \$35, and other goods equally low.

**200 STOVES AT AWFULLY CUT PRICES!**

Come at once, select the goods, have them ticketed for you, and delivered any time before the first of January. You have a large assortment to select from. COME NOW. We are ready for you at

**LITTLE'S**

Housekeepers' Headquarters, Court House Block

BY ORDER OF THE INSURANCE COMPANY!

## THE LAST GREAT CUT!

## THE FINAL GREAT CUT!

## THE DEEPEST CUT OF ALL!

ONLY A FEW DAYS MORE

(UNTIL INVOICING TIME) of the

## Great Clothing Sale!

Don't miss the **LAST OPPORTUNITY** to buy good clothing for **LESS MONEY** than the cost of manufacture.

1,300 Overcoats yet to sell. Among the lot will be found some of the finest Beavers, Kerseys, Meltons, Chinchillas, Ulsters and Ulsteretts, in all sizes and prices, that defy competition.

For \$5 we will sell you a genuine English Kersey, worth \$15 at any other dealer's.

For \$3.50 you can buy a genuine all-wool Chinchilla Overcoat, worth elsewhere \$18.50.

A fine English Melton for \$0.25, worth \$18.

\$5 for a genuine Worsted Overcoat worth \$15: only 12 of them left.

Remember, if you want these bargains you must come at once; don't delay and then complain when you come and find them all gone. We have them now but they may be sold to-morrow.

835 Men's Suits, comprising fine Cassimeres, Worsteds, Beavers, Cloths, etc.

For \$8 you can buy a Cassimere Suit, former price \$0.50

A fine, all wool Cassimere Suit for \$5, worth \$12.50.

\$0.25 will give you the choice of eight different kinds of wool worsteds, not one suit of them worth less than \$15.

These goods are in perfect order and considered cheap in other stores at \$15.00.

Boys' Overcoats at \$1.50.

Children's Overcoats at \$1.25.

Cassimere Pants, men's sizes, \$1, worth \$3.50

Hats and Caps at your own price. Only a few left and they must be at once.

Boys' Suits at \$2.00 and up to \$3.50 and \$4 worth treble the more.

Odd Coats at \$1.25, worth \$3.50 and \$1.00.

**THIS IS A SURE SALE.**

The prices talk.

**COME AND SEE US.**

Bring this paper with you and call for the advertised goods.

**Great New York Fire Store**

**CARTER BLOCK,**

West Side Old Square, Decatur, Ill.

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